

## Episode 12 - "He's Not In Control Anymore"



### Three More Days

The final five castaways return to camp in the dead of night after blindsiding Jerry at Tribal Council. "We just had another Tribal Council tonight and, uh, Jerry went home," **Tyson** narrates. "Candace wanted to vote for *Erinn*, but...I made a deal with her so she'll vote with me and Candace at the next Tribal Council." Candace then pulls Tyson aside, as he continues to share his thoughts with the camera: "My plan is pretty much to use her to get rid of Spencer," he says. "I mean, I guess we *do* have an alliance, but...he's too big a *threat*. He's gonna have to go next." As they talk by the shelter, Tyson expresses that he and Candace are "in an awesome position." But Candace disagrees. She explains that her concern is that Erinn will vote with Spencer and Sandy. "The second she can get a knife in our back, she's gonna stick it in there," Candace says. "The vote tonight, I wasn't too happy with it," **Candace** then reveals. "I mean, Tyson and I discuss things *constantly*, but it seems like every time we go to a Tribal Council and someone goes home, it's whoever Tyson *wants*." Tyson says that he'll make sure Erinn doesn't sway. "I'm still gonna be *aligned* with him," Candace continues, "But...I would like a more equal partnership. That's what I *feel* like, you know?"

Meanwhile, Erinn is relieved to still be in the game after escaping the chopping block yet again: "I cannot believe we're at the Final Five and I'm still here," **Erinn** says to the camera. "Like, I was supposed to be gone right away with Carolina, but honestly, the way I've played this game is 'Get me one more Tribal Council; get me three more days and I'll figure out a way to be here three *more* days," she exclaims. The atmosphere is tense and the five **Novo** members are silent as Sandy cooks a pot of rice. "I mean, I'm *shocked* that Tyson kept me over Jerry. Like, he's *Jerry*! Who the hell blindsides *Jerry*?!" she laughs in her confessional. "But...this is getting to the point in the game where you really do have to *blindsides* people. All I'm thinking right now is 'don't let it be *me*.'"

### A Strong Bond

At the first light of dawn, the groggy **Novo** members continue to lazily lie in the shelter, not wanting to get up. "We got up this morning. No food. Really not much of a fire going," **Tyson** comments in his confessional. "Jerry did a lot of work around camp and I pretty much sat around and did *nothing*." Spencer tends to the fire and says that the tribe is really low on firewood. Yawning, Erinn announces that she will go get some. In the meantime, Tyson picks at his teeth with a twig. "I'm still not planning on getting my hands dirty that much," he says, while his tribemates begin their work day. "I mean, everybody else, for the last, what, six days here is gonna have to get up and pitch in a little more without Jerry. You know, my life is pretty much a 365-day *vacation*...so why should I do any work out here?" he poses.

"Sandy, wanna go get water?" Spencer then asks. The two allies grab the water jug and canteens and then begin the trek to the water well. "Sandy and I went to go get water and I decided at that point to tell Sandy that I'm gay," **Spencer** explains to the camera. "I had thought about it for a while because I *do* trust Sandy, but I was waiting for the right moment." As they fill up their canteens at the well, Spencer reveals his secret to his ally. "Hey, uh, *Sandy*," he begins. "I have

something I want to tell you, but I don't want anybody else to know." "You know how there's usually a gay guy on every season?" Spencer asks. Sandy nods her head, but looks surprised when Spencer divulges to her that he is gay. "I just started having feelings like, you know, 'That's guys really cute,'" he explains. Sandy then asks him if his family knows. "My parents know; my family knows, like, *all* my friends," Spencer replies. "Everybody's generally been, uh, very *accepting*." "I would have never ever thought that Spencer was gay," **Sandy** admits. "You know, it wasn't even an *issue* with me, and, uh, me and him have an alliance *regardless*, so...I think we're gonna be in the Final Two and that's what I'm gonna keep tellin' myself til it happens." "Were you even at all suspicious?" Spencer then asks. "No; not at *all*," Sandy confesses. "I mean, you were snugglin' with me the same way *all* the boys were; the same way everybody was." "Well, that was to keep warm," Spencer jokes. "It felt nice to be able to share that part of my life with someone who I know it'll be safe with," **Spencer** says. "Um, in my *real* life, it's not something that I hide from people. Usually half the people kindof suspect and the other half say they never would have guessed, so, but...Sandy's shared a lot of stuff with me so I want her to know, like, who I am." "You know, it's not something that I feel *defines* me as a person, but I'm not ashamed of it either," Spencer says. For Sandy, Spencer's revelation does not affect their strong relationship: "You know what? You're a *sweetheart* and I love you no matter what..." she says.

Back at the **Novo** tribe's camp, **Erinn** keeps her head in the game and assess her options for the next three days: "I'm in a really weird *position*," she explains to the camera. "I *don't* have any alliances except for a deal I made with Tyson, which was kindof not really like an official agreement, so...if everything stays the way it's been the last three Tribal Councils, I could be the next one on the chopping block." "At the same time, I'm *in* a perfect position to be the swing vote, so...I definitely have a lot of *thinking* to do. I'm trying to go the route that is obviously best to get me to the Final Two. You know, I'm just ready to *play*..."

### **Reward Challenge - Blind To Reason**

The Final Five members of **Novo** arrive on their mat in front of a giant maze that is in the shape of the word, "SURVIVOR." Host Jeff Probst explains the rules of the challenge. Each tribe member will race through a maze with their feet shackled together, then build a pole long enough to retrieve a sandbag that is hanging from a rope. They will then swing the sandbag in an attempt to knock over three targets, raising a flag. The first person to raise their flag wins an overnight trip to the Governor's Retreat where the winner will enjoy a bed, shower and feast. They will also win a brand new 2009 Ford Mustang.

The challenge begins with Tyson in the lead. Quickly Tyson, Spencer, and Candace separate themselves from Erinn and Sandy, both of whom get lost in the early sections of the word "SURVIVOR." Spencer follows close behind Tyson as he navigates through the maze at the front of the pack. The other castaways continue to lag behind, while Tyson takes a wrong turn, allowing his biggest competition, Spencer, to take the lead. Spencer is the first people to complete the maze. Erinn and Sandy struggle to make their way through, while Candace continues to make progress. Soon, Tyson and Candace are out of the maze as well, as they fight for the most coveted Reward thus far and Spencer frantically works on assembling his pole. Spencer correctly assembles his pole rapidly and uses it to retrieve the sandbag. He then swings the bag and quickly knocks down all three targets,

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raising his flag. Spencer is in disbelief at winning a new car, as his tribemates congratulate him. Tyson shakes his hand and says "Nice job, dude."

As the winner of the challenge, Spencer must now choose one member of the tribe to join him on the Reward. "Sorry, uh, *Sandy*, but Erinn...you're going on a date with me," Spencer laughs. Not surprised by Spencer's choice, Candace dramatically nods her head, while Erinn acts excited and claps before running over to Spencer. "This is definitely the most important Reward of the game. If I picked who I *wanted* to spend it with, it would have been Sandy for sure," **Spencer** tells the camera, "But...I picked Erinn because I wanted to figure out what she was thinking. Hopefully it's an opportunity for me to get her onto mine and Sandy's side."

### **Governor's Retreat**

Spencer and Erinn enjoy the beautiful scenery, as they ride to the Governor's Retreat in Spencer's Ford Mustang. "Being 19 years-old and winning a brand new 2009 Ford Mustang is pretty *unfathomable*," **Spencer** glows. "I've been a fan of Survivor for a long time and I know that the person who wins the car, more often than not, they don't win the game, but...uh, it has happened *twice* now so I'm hoping that lightning can strike three times," he laughs. Upon arrival, the duo stands in awe of the luxurious Retreat. In their room, they are delighted to find a comfortable bed and shower. "When I first saw our room, I *screamed*," **Erinn** admits. "We have a bed with robes and slippers; we have a shower. You know, it's really *nice*." Spencer is in total shock when he sees himself in a mirror for the first time in thirty-four days. "I look *gross*," he comments. "I've never had, like, a beard in my life." Erinn is equally shocked at her own appearance and gasps aloud after seeing how much weight she's lost. "Oh my god; is this mirror even *accurate*?!" she cries. "I look like a *skeleton*!" **Erinn** exclaims in her confessional. "You know, coming into this game, I thought I might lose a couple pounds. I don't even think I had five *pounds* to lose," she laughs, "So...um, it was really *shocking* to see myself in the mirror."

After showering, the two are treated to a feast of several varieties of Brazilian-style meats. "Pretty *exciting*," Spencer comments. "No more, uh, rice and beans." "I just had my second shower in 34 days," a delighted **Spencer** tells the camera, "So... after we got cleaned up, we went outside for our feast and there was a big table with all different kinds of meats." Spencer and Erinn sit down, as a young Brazilian man slices meat off a skewer for them. "I've never seen where they just slice the meat off, uh, right in front of you," Spencer continues. "Apparently that's what they do in Brazil, but...it was really *good*." The hungry castaways chow down on meat and vegetables. "Awesome, awesome, awesome," Erinn says, "And to quote Tyson, '*Awesome*,'" she laughs. "It's funny because I'm a huge *eater* back home," **Spencer** narrates. "Like, I do *not* do well even going a couple hours without eating, but...I think your stomach kinda shrinks after not eating for a month." Spencer says that he doesn't want to stop eating but doesn't know if he can eat anymore. "I just kept eating anyway," he then tells the camera. "I've eaten more in the last hour than in the last six days combined," Spencer says aloud. "I *know*," Erinn laughs.

The conversation soon dies down, creating a brief silence as Erinn and Spencer finish their meals and both announce how full they are. “Well, it’ll be interesting to find out what went on back at camp,” Erinn brings up.

## **Bribery and Bickering**

Back at the **Novo** camp, Candace and Tyson lounge in the shelter together. “Out of all the Rewards, I wanted that one most,” Tyson says. “I’d look pretty sweet in that car.” As Tyson continues to talk about the Mustang, Candace expresses her disdain for Spencer’s decision to bring Erinn on the Reward. “That was *obvious*, what he was tryin’ to do,” she says. “Spencer won the challenge today,” **Candace** narrates, “And he chose to bring Erinn over Sandy who he’s aligned with. I just think it was a *crap* decision. You know, he’s tryin’ to bribe Erinn with a Reward because she’s the swing vote, so...I mean, I *guess* it was smart, but...she’s not an *idiot*. She *knows* that Spencer would be the toughest to go up against in the Final Two, so...whatever. I’m not gonna worry about it.”

But Candace decides not to let the issue go. “You know, I see what’s goin’ on,” she says aloud. Sandy then joins Tyson and Candace in the shelter. “What’s goin’ on over here?” she playfully asks. “Talking about getting *Erinn* out,” Tyson tells her. “What do you *think*, Sandy?” Candace then asks. “The fact that Spencer took *Erinn*, that makes me a little nervous,” Candace continues. “If everything was on the up-and-up he would have taken *you*, but he wants to sway Erinn.” Sandy says “Not *necessarily*.” Sandy explains that that Spencer already took her on one Reward, so he probably wanted to take someone else, but Candace isn’t buying it: “That’s *bull*,” she proclaims. “You mean to tell me that the two of you never thought about voting for me or *Tyson*?” Candace loudly interjects. Sandy looks taken aback. “I might *get* to thinkin’ about it if you keep hollerin’,” she snaps back. “I just came in here to sit *down*!” Candace turns towards Sandy and says “*Listen*: now would be an obvious time to do it just like it would be an obvious time for us to vote for one of *you*.” Sandy then fires back that their alliance was to take out Erinn and Candace is the one who’s thinking about breaking it. “Yeah; I’ve *thought* about it,” Candace admits. “You know, I’m not gonna *lie* cause I don’t do that.” Sandy gets even more fired up at being called a liar. “I’m not a *liar*,” Sandy retorts, as Candace simply says “Uh huh.” Recapping the situation in her confessional, **Sandy** tells the camera, “All I did was go over and sit in the shelter and Candace starts goin’ on about, you know, ‘You and Spencer are gonna vote for me or *Tyson*,’ and...she just right now called me a *liar*. You know, if she thinks I’m gonna let her get away with callin’ me a liar she must be losin’ her mind cause I ain’t gonna *have* it.” Candace and Sandy continue to squabble back-and-forth while Tyson lies in the shelter silently. “What happened was: I brought up this ‘Oh, it’s *obvious* there’s this two-two *split* with Erinn in the middle’,” **Candace** explains, “And everyone looked at me like I was *crazy*! Like, yeah, there’s a million dollars on the line, but...it’s clear that’s what’s goin’ on. I don’t see why we should have to tiptoe *around* that fact,” she continues. The three **Novo** members then stare ahead awkwardly: “I will tell you this and I will stand behind it: we’re all just playin’ the game now to *win* and...somebody’s gonna come out on top,” Candace states aloud. Sandy says nothing in response.

**Tyson** is slightly amused by the conflict and reflects on it in his confessional: “I think people are starting to get a little antsy, you know, 34 days in,” he says. “Candace, I think, has a tendency to maybe speak her mind a little more than she

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probably *should* sometimes.” Tyson tells Candace that she shouldn’t have upset Sandy. “We can use her for the next vote,” he whispers. “You know, the Reward thing with Erinn didn’t really bother me that much,” Tyson continues. “I didn’t even care that he got to get out of *camp* for a night. Spencer may have won a Mustang, but is he as awesome as me?” he poses. “No.”

## Game Talk

After dinner at the Governor’s Retreat, Spencer and Erinn talk strategy late into the night, clad in their housecoats and slippers. “You know, you develop a strategy coming into the game and your strategy changes as you play the game,” Spencer brings up. “Obviously I had an alliance with *Sandy*, Tyson, and Candace, but I feel like my smartest move would be to align with you and *Sandy*,” he tells Erinn. Erinn says that she knew she would be the swing vote and it was only a matter of time before she was approached. Spencer confesses that he came into the game thinking he was going to “lie and manipulate my head off, but...I don’t think, overall, I’ve been all that devious,” he claims. “No; you’ve played a really straight-up game,” Erinn says. “Like, you should be really proud of yourself.” “It’s not like I *want* to betray Candace and Tyson just for no reason,” Spencer clarifies. “I don’t enjoy backstabbing people, but...everybody wants to win the game or else why else would we be here?” “Of course,” Erinn says. “And I guarantee you Tyson will be thinking about voting for me,” Spencer adds. Erinn agrees with him again. “He’s going to bring up my name before Tribal Council, you know, if not already,” Spencer then continues.

“So my pitch to you is basically for you to vote out *Tyson*,” Spencer summarizes. Erinn smiles and says she knew that. “I mean, *I’ve* won challenges, but when it comes down to, like, *raw* strength...” Spencer says while Erinn nods. “Keeping Tyson around to win Immunity Challenges makes *absolutely* no sense to me.” Erinn says she is concerned that Sandy is close with Tyson and won’t go along with the plan. “I know Sandy, and Sandy will *definitely* be on board,” Spencer corrects her. “I knew, going on this Reward, that it was a really good chance to talk strategy,” **Erinn** explains. “You know, Spencer is somebody who really *wants* to stay in the game and...like, he has good arguments for why I might *possibly* want to vote out Tyson, but he’s also a huge threat and I definitely have to keep that in mind too.” Erinn says that it’s too early for her to make a final decision and she wants to see what happens with the Immunity Challenge. “Just hope [Tyson] doesn’t win *Immunity*,” she says. “*Yeah*, that’s the trick,” Spencer agrees. With this, Spencer flicks off the lamp in the Governor’s Retreat.

## Immunity Challenge - Color Coded

On Day 36, the **Novo** tribe arrives on their mat as host Jeff Probst explains the rules of the challenge. “Today’s challenge is gonna require a good memory and a little bit of luck,” he says. Each tribe member will stand in front of a pathway of colored discs (red, black, white, green, and yellow), but only one in each row contains a symbol on the bottom of it. If they choose the correct color, they get to move forward to the next row. If they choose the wrong color at any point, they must go back to the beginning and start over from the first row. The first person to reach the end of the pathway wins Immunity and a guaranteed spot in the Final Four.



In the first round, Erinn, Spencer, and Sandy guess the correct disc and move forward to the next row. Then, only Sandy guesses the correct disc, sending Spencer and Erinn back to the start with Candace and Tyson. Tyson complains that he is having bad luck. In the next round, all five castaways get to take a step forward, as Candace and Tyson finally guess right and both Spencer and Erinn remember the correct color. As the challenge continues, Sandy's luck runs out and she incorrectly chooses the red disc in the fourth round. Candace and Spencer, however, are correct and move forward to the next row of discs. In the next round, everyone except for Spencer is right and he is sent back to the start. "This is gonna take *forever*," he comments. In the next round, it is Tyson who is unlikely and returns to the start, while all of his tribemates move forward. At this point, Candace is in the lead in Row Four out of Seven, but in the next round, she incorrectly chooses the green tile and is sent back to the start. The clouds rapidly shift in the sky as the challenge drags on and numerous guesses are made. Some castaways continue to move forward onto the next row of discs while others must start over from the beginning.

After several rounds, Spencer is in the lead while Tyson still remains closest to the starting row of discs. Jeff instructs the castaways to choose their next color and everyone except Spencer and Erinn is correct. "This is hard," Spencer says, as he walks back to the start. This puts Candace and Sandy in a tie for the lead. As the **Novo** members choose their next colored discs, Candace chooses white and Sandy chooses yellow. Candace is correct, while Sandy is wrong. Candace moves on to the final row of discs with a considerable lead over her tribemates. "If Candace gets this right, she wins Immunity," Jeff announces. "If she's wrong, she goes all the way back to the beginning and has to start again from Row One." In another stroke of luck, she guesses the correct disc once again and reveals an eagle symbol on the bottom of it. With this, she wins Immunity.

Although he claps for Candace, Spencer is disappointed in the outcome of the challenge: "This is the one time I really feel like I needed to win Immunity in order to be absolutely safe," **Spencer** tells the camera, "But...*Candace* won today, so...I feel like I'm gonna have my work cut out for me. Hopefully everything I've done over the last three days is enough to convince Erinn that Tyson has to go, but...I'm *sure* he's not gonna go down without a fight."

### **The Swing Vote**

Back at camp, Spencer and Sandy quickly break away from the others to discuss their plan: "Are we goin' for *Tyson*?" Sandy asks Spencer. Spencer confirms that the plan is to vote out Tyson and he already talked to Erinn at the Reward, but also says that she could "definitely be swayed." Commenting on Tyson's vulnerability, Sandy says "*He's* just as scared as *you* are tonight, but, uh...we need to go talk to *Erinn*." "Right now, I'm really not sure *how* the vote's gonna go," **Spencer** narrates. "I'm obviously in an alliance with Sandy, and my alliance with her is to the end, so...Sandy and I are gonna vote for Tyson and Candace and Tyson are most likely gonna vote for *me*, so...it's Erinn's vote as the deciding factor."

Sitting by the fire with Erinn, Spencer and Sandy bring up the subject of the vote in order to secure her on their side: "What's it gonna *be*, honey?" Sandy asks Erinn. Unsure what to say, Erinn hesitates before responding: "I'm torn because if I go with *you*, my chances of winning a million dollars would be significantly less," she

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rationalizes. "But you'd be a part of takin' down *Tyson*," Sandy urges her. "That's the thing," a conflicted Erinn says. "Like, it'd be so worth it." "That could, uh, earn you some major points with the jury," Spencer implies. "And another thing is if we lose *Spencer*, he'll [Tyson] probably win every Immunity," Sandy suggests. "Unless it's luck like today and Candace wins," Spencer then adds. "Candace, I'm *pissed* at her," Sandy vents, citing her argument with Candace. Erinn says that Candace has done nothing but follow Tyson this entire time. "It would flip her world upside down and I am *totally* game for that," Erinn then says. Spencer reiterates that it has to be Tyson and, after further consideration, Erinn says "I agree." "I think that'd be the best, best move we ever *made*," Sandy cheerfully exclaims. "My decision tonight is so hard because I can see that million dollars," **Erinn** tells the camera. "It's so close, and like, I definitely wanna be one of the people being *voted* on with a chance of being one or two. Against Spencer and Sandy, I don't know how good my chances would *be*. But...I also want to get rid of *Tyson*. I mean, opportunities like this where Tyson doesn't have Immunity, you kindof have to take advantage of that because he could very well win the last two...so it's like, which one do I want *more*?!" she agonizes.

Tyson then approaches Erinn in an attempt to convince her that Spencer has to go next. "Dude just won a *car*," Tyson brings up. He says that "either of the **Jalapados** would easily win a jury vote and Spencer's the bigger physical threat than Sandy." "I just want to know that you're all not voting for *me*," Erinn says, trying to take the attention off of herself. Tyson tells her that they're not and she responds "Okay." "You know you want to vote for Spencer," he jokes. Erinn says she feels like voting Spencer is the smartest move. "So it's a deal then. Spencer goes?" Tyson asks. "*Yeah*," Erinn unconvincingly says. "Cause you know I could easily get the jury to not vote for you, right? Cause I'm a [censored] like that," Tyson remarks. Erinn realizes that Tyson is legitimately concerned for the first time in the game: "Tyson just kindof wanted to be reassured that I was voting for Spencer," **Erinn** explains to the camera. "I mean, like, the control that he once thought he had is kinda starting to slip from his *hands* a little and he's *not* in control anymore." Meanwhile, Tyson tells Candace to go talk to Erinn. "He's *impossibly* arrogant," Erinn continues. "He's an *ass*; he doesn't do anything around camp, and...I think he'd literally crap his pants if he was the one to go. And that's why I'm *torn*!"

Walking along the Rio Novo with Erinn, Candace attempts to secure her ally's safety. "I *know* Tyson's nervous about the votes tonight," Erinn says to Candace. "Well, *yeah*; wouldn't you be if you were in his position?" Candace asks. "I've been in his position more times than he has," Erinn laughs. Cutting right to the point, Candace then asks Erinn who she thinks she would have the best chance of beating in the Final Two. "I feel like I have the best chance of beating you or *Tyson*," Erinn answers. "*Yeah*," Candace confirms. "That's the only way you're gonna win. "But...I feel like I could go either way depending on how things go before Tribal Council," Erinn waffles. "But if you keep Spencer and Sandy with you, then hands down, they've won the game," Candace suggests. "So...quite frankly, it's not your best chance, it's your *only* chance." Erinn is slightly offended by this comment: "*Thanks*, Candace," she sarcastically says. "Well, I mean, you have to *know*," Candace insists. Reflecting on her new position of power in her confessional, **Erinn** tells the camera, "It's *amazing*. I finally have the power, and they know it," she relishes. "I mean, Candace *talked* to me today," she exclaims. "Candace doesn't talk to anyone except *Tyson*. You know, she really has been his

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*shadow*, but...it's *gotten* her this far so you have to give her some *credit*. She's probably the one person he's actually been *honest* with and, in this game, that's saying a lot." Hoping to convince Erinn to vote her way, Candace attempts to make Erinn an enticing offer: "So what if it was me and *you*?" Candace inquires. "In the Final *Two*?" Erinn asks for clarification. "Don't you think, like, we're pretty evenly matched?" Candace then asks. "I think we'd both have an equal shot. I mean, it is something, you know, to *think* about," Erinn offers. Candace seems unimpressed with Erinn's response. "Candace brings up, like, 'Well, what if it was you and me in the Final *Two*?' It's *ridiculous*," **Erinn** exclaims. "I mean, 'you're *not* gonna go against Tyson.' She's just *not*, so...Candace's plea didn't do anything. I could very likely vote for Tyson tonight." "*Sorry* Candace," she continues in her confessional. "Your ticket to the Final *Two* just left the station, and...I *love* it. I love, love, love being in this position because there's *kinda* nothing he [Tyson] can *do* about it."

Alarmed that Erinn might vote out her best chance at winning a million dollars, Candace approaches Tyson and warns him that he's in danger. "How solid do you feel like she is?" she asks. Tyson says that "she'd be an *idiot* to keep Spencer." "I just talked to her," Candace informs him, "And...I even tried to tell her I would take her to the Final *Two* and she's not biting," she cautions. Tyson comments that "she's gonna screw everything up." "She may just be bitter *enough* that she writes your name down and lets Spencer or Sandy win," Candace advises. "Should we vote for him [Spencer] or should we vote for Erinn?" Tyson asks. A puzzled Candace simply widens her eyes. "This is why I wanted to keep *Jerry*," she says. "*Honestly*, Tyson and I have both been working Erinn until the last second," **Candace** tells the camera. "We were working her until we felt like she wasn't gonna *budge* and then it became obvious to *both* of us that if Tyson was gonna stay, we were gonna have to vote Erinn." "Damn; Spencer's gonna get to the Final Four," Candace thinks aloud. "I just don't know if he's too big a threat to keep *around*," Tyson wonders. "Listen; *I* can beat Spencer or Sandy at making fire any day of the week, okay?" Candace blurts out. "We just need to make sure he doesn't get Immunity [at the Final Four]." "We could, like, hide the flint so they can't practice," Tyson suggests. Candace subtly nods her head. "I will get Sandy and Spencer to do this," a determined Tyson says.

Feeling that his back is against the wall, Tyson and Candace meet with Spencer and Sandy and attempt to turn their votes against Erinn. "Look; we know that y'all have been thinking about voting for *Tyson* just like we've been thinking about voting one of you," Candace tells them. "Let's just cut the *crap* and..." "Do you want to just all vote for *Erinn*?" Tyson interrupts, as he poses the question to Spencer and Sandy. "Tell me why that's our best *option*," Spencer counters. "You know, I don't know what's going on in Erinn's head but she's told me point-blank she's voting for *you* cause she knows she can't beat you," Tyson tells Spencer. "And she told me that she's definitely voting for you," Spencer says. "So she's lying to *one* of us, you know?" Tyson explains. "My concern is: can I trust that you're really gonna *do* that [vote Erinn out]?" Spencer then asks. "I don't want to go home cause of Erinn and I know you don't," Tyson replies. "I don't want to give her that *satisfaction*." "Obviously, um, I would *like* to stay. I mean, that goes without *saying*," Spencer says. "And then it's just who can pull out Immunity tomorrow," Tyson adds. "I mean, in all honesty, it'll probably be a two-two *tie*, but...I'd rather see you in the Final Four than Erinn. You're a stronger *competitor*, so...from my point of view, that's the best move if we both want to be here," he says. "If that'll guarantee me that I stay, then I'll vote for her," Spencer agrees.

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"But don't backstab me or I swear to *God* I won't vote for you," he pledges. Tyson says that he won't. Still nervous about his future in the game, **Spencer** tells the camera, "It's definitely possible that Candace and Tyson are just trying to get me and Sandy to vote for Erinn and they're still gonna vote *me* out, but...I don't know. Rather than having a 50% chance of going home, um, if we *do* all vote for Erinn, then there's a 100% chance that I'll be in the Final Four and...I definitely have a lot of game left in me." Spencer reiterates that he's voting for Erinn and says "We'll all be safe down to four." "How 'bout you?" Tyson then asks Sandy. "I'm gonna vote to keep *Spencer*," Sandy tells him. "Alright; so Erinn *goes*," Candace confirms.

Later that afternoon, Spencer and Sandy are lying in the shelter together as they continue to worry about the vote. "Tonight we're going back to Tribal Council and when we get back, they'll only be four people left," **Spencer** narrates. "It's definitely scary that today could be my last day with everyone. You know, the plan as far as I know right *now* is for everybody to vote for Erinn, but for some reason, I have a sick feeling it still might be me," he worries. "What do you think? Think Erinn goes tonight?" Spencer asks Sandy. "*I* think so," she replies. "Knock on *wood*," Sandy then says before knocking several times on the side of the **Novo** tribe's shelter. "*I'm* still scared," Spencer admits. "Um, I've definitely been paranoid *before*, but this time, I don't think it's just paranoia," Spencer continues in his confessional, "So...all I can do is hope that everybody sticks to their word."

In the final minutes before Tribal Council, Tyson whispers a new strategy to Candace, which she is intrigued by. "Do you think that'll work?" he asks. "Dude, if we make it to the Final Two after this, we're so gonna do it," Candace lustfully says. "Do what?" Tyson inquires. Realizing what Candace means, Tyson then awkwardly says "*Oh*." "*Candace* and I've got a plan for tonight's Tribal Council so top secret you'll, uh, have to wait until Tribal Council," an amused **Tyson** brags, "So...I'm not gonna go home, and...the reason I'm not gonna go home is cause I *said* so."

## **Tribal Council #12 - Novo Tribe**

At Tribal Council, Jeff begins the discussion by asking about the Reward Challenge: "Erinn, with only five people left, why do you think Spencer chose you to go on the Reward?" he asks. "Um, going on Rewards is a time to strengthen bonds outside of the people at camp and I think Spencer saw that if he wanted to get far in this game and not just *maybe* get #4, like, I was definitely the right person to *take*," **Erinn** responds. Candace has a strong reaction to this comment, prompting Jeff to turn to her next. **Candace** asserts that Spencer was trying to bribe her for her vote by giving her a Reward, "but...we *talked* about it, we squashed it, so whatever," she says. Jeff then asks **Erinn** if it is true that she is the swing vote. "I am absolutely the swing vote tonight," she replies. "You know, Tyson and Candace have been the tightest alliance since Day One and they've strategically dominated in this game. Spencer and Sandy are also a really close alliance, so...if I go *one* way, I might guarantee myself a better chance of getting to the Final Two, but if I go the other way, I could definitely, you know, get rid of the *mastermind*, so...my vote is still a wild card," she reveals.

"Tyson, think it's smart to come into Tribal Council and declare yourself as the swing vote or the '*wild* card'?" Jeff asks. "You know, it may not be *smart* per se because we've all seen that it can flip-flop pretty fast, but, I mean, she *is* right,"

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**Tyson** states. "Me and Spencer are definitely, uh, the two people up for elimination tonight, so...I have no idea how the vote's gonna go, to be honest." Jeff then turns back to Erinn and attempts to understand her thought-process on her potentially game-changing decision: "Erinn, give me a reason why you would vote out Tyson tonight," Jeff then says. "Um, Tyson's really been the *mastermind* this entire game and...if my vote sends him home, that could definitely earn me some votes from the *jury*," **Erinn** responds, as Spencer nods in agreement. "You know, you have to *respect* that." Sandy looks up after this statement and widens her eyes. "Now make the case for why you would vote out *Spencer*," Jeff prompts Erinn. "He's so likable," **Erinn** says, "He's never upset anybody or made anybody mad. And, I mean, he got to the Final Five as the youngest person to ever play this game. Like, he's done so well at *everything* that I think Spencer being in the Final Two, he'd be just as hard to beat as Sandy, if not more so."

"Spencer, if it's you tonight, satisfied with 36 days?" Jeff inquires. "If it is me tonight, uh, definitely disappointed, for *sure*, but you know, you're not always gonna win at everything so you have to be prepared for the times you don't," **Spencer** answers. "I'm a little bit more nervous, um, but I'm just hoping that I can trust everybody because it definitely gets harder as you get to the end to get sent home." Jeff then asks Sandy how big a factor trust is in the upcoming vote: "Trust is huge because you gotta be able to believe that people are gonna do what they're *tellin'* you *when* they tell you," **Sandy** replies, "And...you know, uh, this late in the game, I believe there's always *question*, so...I know, you know, what the *plan* is, but I'll believe it when I *see* it." Knowing that Tyson has one final trick up his sleeve, he exchanges a devious glance with Candace. With this, Candace opts to keep Immunity once again and the five remaining **Novo** members cast their votes.

Jeff then tallies the votes, and reveals them one at a time to the castaways:

ERINN.

Expecting that only Spencer and Tyson are at risk, Erinn is slightly puzzled to receive a vote, while Tyson subtly grins to see her name come up.

TYSON.

Tyson is annoyed by this vote but simply shrugs it off.

ERINN.

SPENCER.

Shocked to see his name come up, Spencer's jaw immediately drops and he instinctively curses aloud. Sandy is also shocked, while Candace and Tyson now appear very smug.

SPENCER.

With this, the vote ends in a two-two-one tie, in which Erinn and Spencer were voted for. Realizing what happened, Spencer senses that his demise is imminent but remains hopeful as Tyson, Candace, and Sandy cast their re-votes.

Jeff then tallies the re-votes, and reveals them one at a time to the nervous castaways:

SPENCER.

Coming to grips with his fate, Spencer disappointedly nods his head.

ERINN.

This is a vote of loyalty from Sandy, but it's not enough to outnumber the most powerful duo in the game...

SPENCER.

With that, Tyson's top-secret plan works and Spencer Duhm, the 19 year-old student from Lakeland, Florida, becomes the twelfth person voted out of **Survivor: Tocantins - The Brazilian Highlands** and the fifth member of the jury. Despite his obvious disappointment, Spencer handles being blindsided with class. He hugs an emotional Sandy and even congratulates Tyson and Candace on their move: "Good move, guys," he says.

"Well it's clear based on the number of blindsides, this is still anyone's game and it's gonna be a really fun finish," Jeff comments at the end of Tribal Council. The final four **Novo** members then grab their torches and head back to camp.

### **Spencer's Final Words**

Disappointed in himself for openly trusting Tyson, a somber Spencer leaves behind his final words: "Yeah; my parents heard me say a curse word on national TV," he laughs. "Um...to be the first teenager to ever play the game and to make it all the way to the Final Five, you know, I'm *honored*. Quite possibly my only *true* mistake in the game was today, uh, believing Tyson and voting for Erinn. You know, he has a real knack for making promises with people and then turning right around and breaking them. I'm not sure that's gonna get him *votes*, but hey, more power to him," Spencer says. "He's still in the game and I'm not. If I'm ever lucky enough to play Survivor again, I'd have to say my motto would definitely be 'Trust no one.' I am 100%, *hardcore* rooting for *Sandy*."

### **Episode 13 - The Finale**

After 36 long and hard-fought days, only four castaways remain: **Erinn**, the long-shot: "I will *not* go down without kicking and screaming about it. Are you *crazy*?! There's *no* way I would ever give up," she vows. **Tyson**, the master manipulator: "I don't know why these people believe anything that comes out of my mouth, but they *do*," he brags. **Candace**, the chameleon: "One thing I can say is I aligned with the right person," she confesses. "I really haven't had to do anything *different*." And **Sandy**, the most *underestimated* player in the game: "I'd just love to just *shock* 'em all and be one of the two left standing in the end," she laughs. <she makes a shocked face> As the Final Four face off in their last two Immunity Challenges, two will continue on to face the jury, and one will walk away with the million dollar prize and the title of Sole Survivor.

## Episode 12 Voting History:

<b>2 Votes Against</b>	<b>Survivors Voting Against Spencer</b>
	 
<b>2 Votes Against</b>	<b>Survivors Voting Against Erinn</b>
	 
<b>1 Vote Against</b>	<b>Survivor Voting Against Tyson</b>
	